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## Frederick County Named One of Top Digital Counties in the Nation

FREDERICK, MD – During her weekly <u>public information briefing today</u>, Executive Jan Gardner announced that Frederick County Government has received national recognition as one of the top Digital Counties in the nation.

"I am delighted to share this exciting news because technology plays a key role in open government and helping those who live and do business in Frederick County," commented Executive Gardner. "I commend our technology team and the agencies that developed our many digital services that help make people's daily lives run more smoothly and efficiently."

The Center for Digital Government and the National Association of Counties today released the results of their 14<sup>th</sup> annual <u>Digital Counties Survey</u> that recognizes the technological capabilities and innovation of governments. Frederick was ranked third in the country among counties with populations between 150,000 and 249,999.

Frederick County's website, mobile apps, content management, video web streaming service, e-government services and use of social media contributed to the county's ranking. Every division of county government uses technology to provide services and information.

Citizens can pay bills online, track the status of permits and development projects, find procurement and contracting opportunities, register for a parks and recreation class, request a library book or download an e-book from the library, find an animal to adopt or search for a lost pet, view crime statistics, find out where roads are closured during a major storm and more.

The county also offers several apps for smart phones and tablets, including the Recycling Office app called MyWaste. Residents can find out what can be recycled and their collection schedule, and be notified of changes due to a holiday. Also, TransIT's EZfare mobile ticketing app allows customers to buy bus tickets on a smart phone and use their phone as a ticket. Citizens also can sign up for emergency notices at <a href="https://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ALERT">www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ALERT</a>.

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